



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of: Taichi SAWAGUCHI et al.
Application No. 10/550,626
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Group Art Unit: 1709
Examiner: Thomas Matochik

For: RESIN COMPOSITION AND TRANSPARENT SHAPED ARTICLE

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Sir:

I, Taichi SAWAGUCHI, declare and state that:

1. In March 1999, I was graduated from Doshisha University, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Molecular Science and Technology and received a degree of Bachelor of Engineering from the same University. In March 2001, I was graduated from the master course of Hokkaido University, Graduate School of Environmental Science, and received a degree of Master of Environmental Science from the same University.

Since 2001, I have been an employee of ZEON Corporation, and till the present time I have been engaged in research of cycloolefin polymer and development of the application.

2. I am familiar with the invention described in the specification of the above-identified application, and US Patent No. 6,953,819 (Keisuke Tsukada).

3. Since 2001, I had been in the same R&D team with Mr. Keisuke Tsukada. After job-relocation of Mr. Tsukada, I took over his R&D works. I have full knowledge regarding Mr. Tsukada's R&D works, and I have been authorized to investigate his Lab Notebooks.

From the Lab Notebook of Mr. Tsukada, I confirm that:

Poly [{6-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)amino-1, 3, 5-triazine-2, 4-diyl} {(2, 2, 6, 6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)imino} hexamethylene { (2, 2, 6, 6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl) imino}] which was used in Example 3 of US Patent No. 6,953,819 (Keisuke Tsukada) is the same as

that used in Comparative Example 1 of the present specification, and 400 nm light transmittance by 10 mm light path quartz cell in 5 wt% chloroform solution must be 89.0%.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

This fourth day of March 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Taichi Sawaguchi
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